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SUBJECT : CIVAIR-ECAC COMMUNICATION TO CAB RE NORTH ATLANTIC FARES

BELOW IS QUOTED TEXT OF COMMUNICATION WHICH VERES, PRESIDENT OF
ECAC, TELEGRAPHED TO CHAIRMAN OF CAB EVENING OF SEPT. 12,
COMMENTING ON CAB ORDER ISSUED FOLLOWING COURT ACTION
VACATING NORTH ATLANTIC FARE PACKAGE :

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DEAR MR TIMM

I HAVE THE HONOUR ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN CIVIL
AVIATION CONFERENCE WHICH REPRESENTS 20 EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS
TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CAB ORDER 73-1-131 OF
28 AUGUST 1973.

THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST
NOT ONLY OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY. BUT ALSO OF CONSUMERS
THAT THERE SHOULD BE REASONABLE STABILITY IN THE FARES
AND RATES CHARGED AND THAT ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN
WELL IN ADVANCE. IT ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT IS OF THE
UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF AGREEMENTS
FREELY ENTERED INTO BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS
AND AIRLINES.

THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE
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PRACTICABLE TO WORK OUT AND AGREE A REVISED FARES AND

RATES STRUCTURE FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF 1973. IT THEREFORE CONSIDERS THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1973 IS THE ONLY REALISTIC COURSE OF ACTION NOW AVAILABLE.

THE AIRLINES CONCERNED ARE CONSCIOUS THZT THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 1973 AND ARE ALREADY WORKING ON FRESH PROPOSALS FOR THE FARE AND RATE STRUCTURE ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC IN 1974. ECAC BELIEVES THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO SUBMIT APPROPRIATE PROPOSALS FOR APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

IN THE MEANTIME ECAC MEMBER STQTES HAVE NO INTENTION OF APPROVING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR DIFFERENT FARES AND RATES FROM THOSE PRESENTLY IN FORCE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS PUT FORWARD IN CAB ORDER 73-8-131, THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT CAB SHOULD STAND BY THE EXISTING FARES AND RATES AGREEMENTS. NAMELY CAB AGREEMENSTS 23609 AND CAB 23607.

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VICTOR VERES
PRESIDENT OF ECAC UNQTESTONE

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